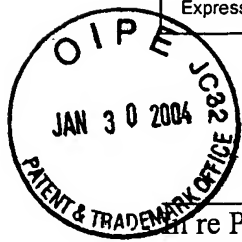


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




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**Abstract of EP0547375**

The invention discloses a vehicle tilt-sliding roof which has a rigid cover, preferably a translucent cover, by means of which a roof opening in a fixed roof surface of a vehicle can be opened and closed. The cover can also be moved into a ventilation position, preferably a raised position. In addition, a roof lining is provided which has a front and a rear lining component. This lining can be moved independently of the position of the cover, in particular in the case of a translucent cover. If the cover goes into its ventilation position, a horizontal ventilation gap can be exposed between the roof lining components. By means of a control lever which is acted on at one end, for example during the raising movement of the cover, the rear roof lining component is moved away from the front roof lining component which is fixed by means of a locking device. With the aid of a manual release, the roof lining can also be completely opened, the two roof lining components then forming one composite movement unit since they are prestressed by means of a spring in contact with one another.

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